

WHOLE NO. 10,652.

JEFF. DAVIS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS TRIAL.

The President Determines Upon His Prosecution for the Crime of Treason.

THE PROSECUTING COUNSEL SELECTED.

James S. Speed, General Rousseau, John H. Clifford and William M. Everts Retained for the Government.

Charles O'Connor and Ransom H. Gillett for the Defence.

The Great Criminal Trial of the Age.

The language lately used by President Johnson in his interview with the delegates of the South Carolina convention has added much to the grave interest felt by the people at large regarding the fate of Jeff. Davis...

THE CHANGE—TREASON.

The prisoner is to be arraigned on the charge of treason against the United States, and the nature of the prosecution will embrace no other charge...

THE TIME SET FOR THE TRIAL.

At the Cabinet session in August, when the details were arranged, it was decided that the trial of Davis should immediately follow that of Wirz...

THE PROSECUTING COUNSEL.

The Attorney General was authorized to select three counsel to aid him in the prosecution. Mr. Speed is a native of the South, and it was decided that another Southern and two Northern lawyers should be retained...

THE COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENCE.

It has been understood for several months past that Mr. Davis had selected his counsel or had accepted the services of the following gentlemen: Charles O'Connor, of New York city; Ransom H. Gillett, of Albany, N. Y.

THE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED IN THE TRIAL.

The trial of Jefferson Davis for treason will be the most important criminal trial which this country or age has witnessed, and will command universal attention...

SKETCHES OF THE COUNSEL.

The Prosecution.

Judge James S. Speed, of Kentucky, the Attorney General of the United States, is a native of Kentucky, and was born near Louisville. His father was one of the most extensive farmers and slave owners in Kentucky...

brother Joshua, Gen. Rousseau, Judge Harland and others, assumed a determined stand in opposition to the neutral position forced upon Kentucky by the conduct of her authorities...

He immediately put the question to the vote. A desultory discussion of the merits of the rebel and, perfectly calm and cool, Mr. Speed reached forward, removed the white flags from the stand, and ordered the two small flags to be raised...

Mr. Speed is about fifty years of age, and is yet in the vigor of his powers. He is short in stature, and though squarely built, is somewhat thin in appearance...

John H. Clifford, of Massachusetts, was born in Providence, R. I., January 16, 1809, and graduated at Brown University, in his native city. He first entered political life in 1838, when he was admitted to the bar...

Mr. Clifford was elected Governor of Massachusetts in 1858, and continued in that capacity until 1863. It was while acting in this capacity that Mr. Clifford prosecuted John W. Webster for the murder of Dr. Parkman...

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kept him constantly occupied and gained for him a splendid reputation as a criminal lawyer. In 1856 he was a strong opponent of the then powerful "know nothing" party...

In 1861 his bold opposition to Kentucky neutrality brought Rousseau prominently before the country. His speech in the Kentucky Senate denouncing neutrality as a mark of the rebels and an unworthy surrender of the Union...

That career is doubtless familiar to all. He was engaged in the campaign and battle of Shiloh; was commander of the District of Northern Alabama, succeeding General Grant in command of the Third division of Buell's army, and pursued Bragg through Kentucky and fought him single handed at Perryville...

Although he is not yet out of the military service of the country he has already enlisted for the civil service, not only as counsel in the great case referred to, but as a member of Congress. He was elected to the 39th Congress, and was re-elected to the 40th...

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summer months. He studied law in the office of Silas Wright, at Canton, in 1821, when Mr. Wright was admitted—using part of his office for a post office. He was admitted to the bar in 1833, and it was not many years before Mr. Gillett became one of the most prominent lawyers and politicians north of Albany...

In 1837 he was appointed a commissioner to the New York Indian tribes. In 1840 he was a member of the convention which nominated Van Buren for the Presidency. In 1843 President Polk appointed him Register of the Treasury, in which office he served until 1847, when he was made Solicitor of the War Department...

Mr. Jefferson Davis was well known by sight to most of the citizens of Richmond and its vicinity during the war. He might be seen any morning walking with erect mien and measured military step from his residence to the Custom House, or any evening during the spring and summer of 1862, the latter part of 1864, and the early months of the present year, at which several times he was seen on his way to Richmond...

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WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, 1865. CABINET MEETING. With the return of Secretary Seward all the members of the Cabinet are now in Washington and were in council to-day with the President.

Lieutenant General Grant paid an official visit to the Navy Yard this afternoon and was received with the usual honors. He was enthusiastically cheered by the assembled workmen.

Ex-rebel Postmaster General Reagan had an interview with the President at ten o'clock this forenoon by appointment, and expressed his thanks for his liberation.

Professor J. W. Patterson, member of Congress elect from New Hampshire, General Noble, W. M. Everts, Senator Rice, Governor Curtin, and Long John Wentworth, of Chicago, are in the city.

The Tunisian Embassy. The Tunisian Ambassadors, in company with Consul Perry, paid an official visit to the Secretary of State this morning, and left with him a copy of their credentials.

General Grant has just purchased one half of the property in this city known as the Douglas Hospital, and will rent it for a family residence during his stay in Washington.

It is understood that the President has directed that all pardons under the amnesty proclamation which are not called for at the Department of State within one week after they are ready for delivery will be forwarded to the Governors of the respective States.

The colored troops and the bounty question. The Secretary of War has, it is said, prohibited the payment of bounties to such of the colored troops as were not free on the 1st of April, 1863, thus setting aside the decision of the Second Comptroller which was based on the opinion of the Attorney General.

Arrangements upon an extensive scale are now in progress for the transfer of the body of Colonel Ulysses S. Grant from the Congressional Cemetery in this city, where it now lies, to Philadelphia. The removal will occur on Tuesday next, accompanied with impressive ceremonies at Mr. Sunderland's church, in this city, at which time and place the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher will pronounce a funeral discourse upon the body of the young hero.

Agents of some of the most important railroads in the country are intending to leave Washington to-morrow for a short trip in the South, to arrange for a reorganization of the old system of coupon tickets over railroads of both sections of the country.

Forty-eight patents for public lands recently settled in the State of Oregon, and known as donated claim, have been forwarded to the Register of the Land Office in that State. The patents cover an aggregate of 1,990 acres.

The rancho Punta de Quentin, containing 8,877 acres, situated on the Bay of San Francisco, has been surveyed, and a copy of the survey transmitted to the General Land Commissioner by Benjamin R. Bacheler, the local claimant, who asks that a patent from the United States for the land embraced in the above tract be issued to him.

The new gold certificates. A full description of the new gold certificates, of the denomination of five thousand dollars, has been received at the Sub-Treasury, and placed in the hands of Assistant Treasurer Van Dyck. These certificates are bound in book form, each sheet comprising four of the notes, with memorandum checks to be retained by the Assistant Treasurer. Each volume contains one thousand of the notes, the total value amounting to five million dollars.

The certificates are magnificent specimens of the engraver's art, and are very similar in appearance to an ordinary Treasury note. The substituted initials will give a tolerably accurate idea of the document.

The Legislature to-day a message was received from Governor Ferry transmitting the report of the commissioners appointed by the Convention to prepare a system of laws adapted to the new state of affairs. The report embraces a bill regulating the domestic relations of the slaves; a bill preliminary to legislation induced by the emancipation of the slaves; and a code for the regulation of labor and for the protection and government of the colored population of the State. These were ordered to be printed and will be considered to-morrow.

Resolutions were adopted appointing a committee to collect, under oath, all evidence of unreturnable seizures of cotton and other private property since the war, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The 15th of November was fixed for the election of members of Congress.

The Masonic Fraternity of South Carolina. WILLIAM GILMORE SIMMS and ROBERT BRUNO to VISIT THE NORTH.

The Masons of the North are about to receive a distinguished committee from the capital of South Carolina. The Masonic Fraternity of Columbia have chosen Brothers Wm. Gilmore Simms and Robert Bruno as commissioners to represent to their Northern brethren the distressed and prostrate condition of the Masonic lodges of Columbia, where they were once so numerous, strong, powerful and active.

The working implements of the Order have nearly all been destroyed by the ruthless hand of war, and the lodges generally are in a most helpless condition. The brotherhood in the Northern States, it is hoped, will extend the hand of welcome to these two eminent members of the fraternity.

They will take their departure for the city of New York in the steamer on Thursday. They have obtained the freedom of the cars from various presidents of railroads, and Messrs. Wells & Chatham, of the People's Line, have invited them to take passage in the Monks' Free of all charge.

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Snow at Portland. It commenced snowing here at half past eleven o'clock this morning.

Movements of European Steamers. THE CHINA OUTWARD BOUND. The steamship China arrived here from Boston at a quarter past eight o'clock last evening, and sailed again at ten o'clock for Liverpool.

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FRAUDS ON THE INTERNAL REVENUE.

How the Government is Cheated of its Dues. Seizure of Three Hundred Barrels of Spirits by the United States Authorities.

A Custom House Clerk and a Virginia Ex-Rebel in the Case. A LARGE FIRM IN BROOKLYN IMPLICATED.

Ever since Congress passed the act imposing such a heavy tariff on all manner of domestic and foreign spirits as the dishonest dealers and importers have resorted to all manner of cunning devices to evade the payment of the taxes imposed on such commodities by the existing revenue laws.

The three hundred barrels in question were originally owned by the firm of Cutbert & Cunningham, extensive distillers in the Eastern District, who have also bonded warehouses for the storage of bonded goods. They sold the goods to a man named Benham Fabian, ostensibly from Richmond, who bonded the goods in the Custom House for exportation on board a vessel called the Anemon, which was registered in the usual form.

The entry of the goods in the Custom House was made in the name of Richard Clancy, who turns out to be a mythical character, having existed only in the imagination of the Second Comptroller which was based on the opinion of the Attorney General. The law provides that colored volunteers shall be placed on the same footing with white volunteers in regard to pay, clothing and subsistence, but not as to bounties.

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